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RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the First Office Action mailed July 16, 2002 with regard to the above-identified application. This response is being filed within the second month following the shortened period set for reply in the Office Action. A request for a two-month extension of time to file this response and a check to cover the associated fee are submitted herewith.

The check also covers the \$36.00 fee for two additional dependent claims submitted with this response. Authorization is provided to charge any additional fee associated with this response, or to credit any over-payment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

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